

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of:**

Sashikanth Chandrasekaran, et al.

Serial No.: 09/872,891

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For: METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR  
PREDICTING DATA CONFLICTS AND  
GENERATING A LOAD DISTRIBUTION  
PLAN IN A MULTI-NODE SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2457

Examiner: Gold, Avi M.

Confirmation No. 3158

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

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